

EXAMPLE CONSENT FORM

Identification of Researchers: This research is being done by (insert your name and title) along with my advisor (insert advisor's name and title). We are with the University of Central Missouri.

Purpose of the Study: The purpose of this study is to find out whether people with different personality traits also differ on their grade point averages in college.

Request for Participation: We are inviting you to participate in a study on personality and grades in college. It is up to you whether you would like to participate. If you decide not to participate, you will not be penalized in any way. You can also decide to stop at any time without penalty. If you do not wish to answer any of the questions, you may simply skip them. You may withdraw your data at the end of the study. If you wish to do this, please tell us before you turn in your materials. Once you turn in the materials, we will not know which survey or test is yours.

Exclusions: You must be at least 18 years of age to participate in this study.

Description of Research Method: This study involves completing a short survey and a personality test. The survey will ask you about your age, class rank, gender, and college grade point average. The personality test is a multiple-choice test. This study will take about 30 minutes to finish. After you finish, we will explain the purpose of the study in more detail. You will also have a chance to ask questions.

Privacy: All of the information we collect will be anonymous. We will not record your name, student number, or any information that could be used to identify you. We will also provide you with a blank sheet of paper so that you can cover your responses as you write them down. This will prevent other research participants from seeing your answers.

Explanation of Risks: The risks associated with participating in this study are similar to the risks of everyday life. **(An explanation as to whether any compensation and an explanation as to whether any medical treatments are available if injury occurs and if so what they consist of or where any further information may be obtained.)**

Explanation of Benefits: You will benefit from participating in this study by getting firsthand experience in psychological research. You may also enjoy completing the personality test. We will provide you with a coupon that you may use if any of your instructors award credit for research participation.

Questions: If you have any questions about this study, please contact (insert your contact information). If you have any questions about your rights as a research participant, please contact the UCM Research Compliance Officer at (660) 543-8562.

If you would like to participate, please sign a copy of this letter and return it to me. The other copy is for you to keep.

I have read this letter and agree to participate.

Signature: _____ Printed name: _____

Date: _____

Person obtaining consent: _____